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RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Jordan Lee Spears.

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Whereas, Marine Corporal Jordan Lee Spears was the first Hoosier casualty in the war against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS);

Whereas, Corporal Spears, 21, of Memphis, Indiana, was lost at sea October 1 while conducting flight operations in the North Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Inherent Resolve;

Whereas, Corporal Spears, two pilots, and another crew chief were on a mission to retrieve soldiers from Kuwait and take them to Baghdad;

Whereas, Shortly after takeoff, their plane lost power and appeared to be ready to crash into the Persian Gulf;

Whereas, With a crash appearing imminent, Corporal Spears and the other crew chief jumped out of the craft and into the Persian Gulf;

Whereas, Corporal Spears' life preserver failed to automatically inflate and, in his heavy flight clothes, boots, and helmet, he flailed in the water;

Whereas, Corporal Spears struggled to manually inflate his life preserver but could not;



Whereas, Corporal Spears was assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 163, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California;

Whereas, In the third year of a five year enlistment, Corporal Spears had enlisted in the Marines at 17 years of age and had planned to return to Southern Indiana when his time in the Marines was completed, where he planned to work as a chef;

Whereas, One of six children, Jordan was lovingly remembered by his twin brother, Nathan, with a song he recorded and played at his funeral; and

Whereas, Bravery such as this deserves to be remembered always: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
- 2 great bravery and love of country displayed by Corporal Jordan Lee
- 3 Spears and expresses our heartfelt sympathy to his family at this time
- 4 of great sorrow.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of
- 7 Corporal Jordan Lee Spears.

